

**REMARKS**

The Office Action of October 8, 2002, presents the examination of claims 8-11, 14, and 16-18. Claims 8-11, 14, and 16-18 are canceled herein. Claims 19-21 are added. Support for newly added claims is found in original claims 1, 2, and 6, respectively. No new matter is inserted into the application.

***New Matter***

The Examiner rejects claims 8-11, 14, and 16-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for allegedly containing new matter. Claims 8-11, 14, and 16-17 are canceled, thus rendering the rejection moot. Applicants would traverse the rejection if applied to newly added claims 19-21. Specifically, claims 19-21 do not contain the phrases specifically rejected by the Examiner. Thus, the rejection should be withdrawn.

***Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph***

The Examiner rejects claims 10-11 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph for allegedly containing subject matter not described in the specification. Claims 10-11 and 14 are canceled, thus rendering the rejection moot. Applicants would traverse the rejection if applied to newly added claims 19-21. Specifically,

claims 19-21 do not contain the subject matter specifically rejected by the Examiner. Thus, the rejection should be withdrawn.

***Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph***

The Examiner rejects claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for allegedly being indefinite. Claim 17 is canceled, thus rendering the rejection moot. Applicants would traverse the rejection if applied to newly added claims 19-21. Specifically, claims 19-21 do not contain the subject matter specifically rejected by the Examiner. Thus, the rejection should be withdrawn.

***Conclusion***

Applicants respectfully submit that the above remarks and/or amendments fully address and overcome the rejections of record, such that the present application should now be found in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Allowance indicating that claims 19-21 are allowed.

If there are any minor matters precluding allowance of the application which may be resolved by a telephone discussion, the

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Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Kristi L. Rupert, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 45,702) at (703) 205-8000.

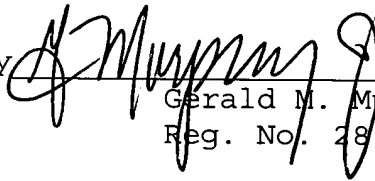
Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), the Applicants hereby petition for an extension of three (3) months to April 8, 2003, in which to file a reply to the Office Action. The required fee of \$930.00 is enclosed herewith.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Attachment: Marked up version showing changes made

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**MARKED UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE**

In the claims:

Claims 8-11, 14, and 16-18 are canceled.

Claims 19-21 are added.